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2021

March 13- Breonna Taylor was killed after being shot 8 times by police who entered with a no-knock warrant.

May 25- George Floyd was murdered by a white police officer. The police officer killed him by neck compression which put him into cardiac arrest.



May 31- White House goes into lock down as the protests become more violent. President Trump is taken to a bunker.

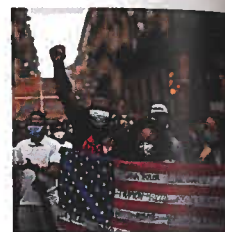
MARCH

MAY



May 7- Father and son Gregory and Travis McMichael were arrested for murdering Ahmaud Arbery after killing him while he was jogging in his hometown.

May 26- Protest immediately begin in Minneapolis, where Floyd was killed. They increasingly become more dangerous as fires, property damage, and looting begins. Statues are also starting to be taken down.



FROM HASHTAG TO MOVEMENT

How a movement helped people speak up against discrimination.

Participants in the Black Lives Matter movement are against the systematic racism and unnecessary violence that is directed towards black people. The movement all started in 2013 with a simple hashtag used by Alicia Carza after George Zimmerman was found not guilty of killing Trevor Martin. Seven years later, the phrase 'Black Lives Matter' was a movement and used to spread the word to end violence and discrimination.

The movement came back as there were numerous killings of innocent black people that were killed by police officers. George Floyd and Breonna Taylor were both innocent people that were murdered by policemen, and, with this news, the country started to speak out. Petitions were signed, donations were made, thoughts and prayers were put out to help the families and communities that were affected. Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube users were all starting to post the infamous hashtag to show their love.

The country was coming together, until the movement took a turn. People were fed up the ongoing police brutality and started to riot. The country was starting to divide instead of coming together in an extremely vulnerable time. With these events came learning and growth, and our country established new laws and ways of police practice. People found out how to speak up when they see police being too forceful or violent. People know that they need to spread love and not to hate.

By: Taylor Barham

#BLACKOUTTUESDAY



Without social media, the BLM movement would not have made as big of an impact it did. One event that got the attention of everyone and helped spread the word was Blackout Tuesday on June 1.. The simple yet powerful trend of posting a black photo with #blackouttuesday onto all social media platforms spread awareness as no one could miss it on their feed and got people asking questions if they were not in the loop.



USING YOUR OUTSIDE VOICE

At peaceful protests, the signs do all the talking. The signs had short but meaningful messages that spread information.

June 3- The mayor of Los Angeles plans to cut the LAPD budget by \$100 million. This started the trend phrase "defund the police."

June 2- The contract between Minneapolis Public Schools and Minneapolis PD was terminated.



June 15- The New York City Police Department announced the disbandment of the plainclothes or anti-crime unit.



JUNE

June 1- President Trump threatens to send the military to cities that are protesting by the Insurrection Act of 1807. Peaceful protests were being invaded by military and innocent people were tear gassed and shot with rubber bullets. Journalists were starting to be arrested for covering protests.

June 7- The Minneapolis City Council made it known that they will be committed to disbanding the Minneapolis Police Department.



Around the BLOCK

Graham Courthouse was a major spot for protests during the movement. There were peaceful protests at first until people started to tear down or damage the statue in front of the courthouse. This caused riots between the BLM protesters and the people protecting the statue. The statue posed an issue as it is of a confederate general which ties back to slavery and the discrimination towards blacks which the BLM movement is trying to eliminate.



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Lessons to LAWS

With the murder of Breonna Taylor being from a No-Knock rule, people wanted the rule to be regulated or gone. The Mayor in Louisville suspended the no-knock rule. Another improvement made was the Public Safety Committee of Louisville Metro Council approved the making of "Breonna's Law." This law will regulate the usage of no-knock warrants to hopefully avoid this type of police action again.



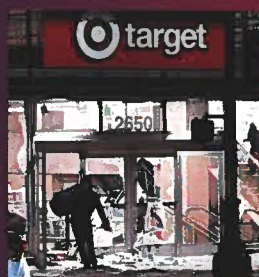
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Murals of MORALS



Instead of protesting, people were creative and spread the word in a safer manner, with murals. Murals were big and caught the attention of people walking by or driving down the road. The murals above are located in Greensboro, North Carolina.

STARTING A RIOT



With the country sad and angry about discrimination and police brutality, people turned to rioting and looting stores. The Target in Minneapolis became a main focus for looting as people figured out that they had police partnerships and surveillance programs. Target also had deals with the Minneapolis Police Department and would give them "financial and intellectual support."

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The Notorious



Ruth Bader Ginsburg was an inspiration to many students and teachers at SA.

In the early 1950s, if women were to look into the future and see the equality and all the capabilities we have today, they would not believe it. One woman who made a phenomenal impact on the equality for women in the government and office was Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who passed away on September 18, 2020. Not only has she done so much for our country, she paved the way for women. "RBG was a pioneer for gender equality. Without her amazing fight for women and our rights I don't think we, women, would be where we are today breaking through glass ceilings," said Mrs. Joyce East.

The Notorious RBG was born in 1933 in Brooklyn, New York. In 1993 she was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Bill Clinton. Ginsburg graduated first in her class at Columbia Law School. In the 1970s, she brought six cases to the Supreme Court and won all of them except for one. She was one of only four female Justices in history, and she was the first Jewish female Supreme Court Justice. "It is important [schooling to become successful in life] because, when you are younger, it teaches you extremely valuable life skills such as critical thinking, intellectual curiosity and the ability to effectively express your thoughts orally and in written form," said Mr. Sean Monahan.

Aside from what Ginsburg accomplished for herself she also accomplished a lot for women. She was director of the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union. Being in that union she successfully argued six landmark cases for gender equality. Further in her career on the Supreme Court, she still fought for gender equality and the end of gender discrimination. "As someone who majored in Women and Gender Studies in undergrad and as a female who strives to be successful, I admire RBG and her career very much. I think she has done tremendous work for women in the area of law. I also believe she is a great example that if we educate girls and women we truly can change the world. I think her professional and respectful way to disagree with others while still voicing their opinion is something we could all practice more," said Ms. Cristen Bullock.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg taught us not to settle and that we can reach for the stars just like men. Even after her passing, she still had a huge impact on our society as changes everyday were made thanks to her and many other strong women who fought for it.

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It's Official.

Ginsburg is sworn in to become a justice on August 3, 1993. She was nominated by President Bill Clinton and was the second woman to be on the Supreme Court, as well as the first Jewish Woman to be on the Supreme Court. "Her [Ginsburg] becoming a member of the Supreme Court was a huge step for women's rights and brought us one step closer to gender equality," said Kyla McDonald, '21.



Ruth's Many

Ruth Bader Ginsburg's collars were not just for looks, they all meant something. These collars were worn for different occasions, and they all represented her unique role as the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court.

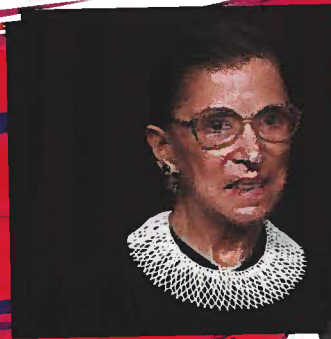
Collars



The "Not a Fan of Him"



The "Dissenting Opinion"



The "Favorite"



The "Majority Opinion"



The "Original"



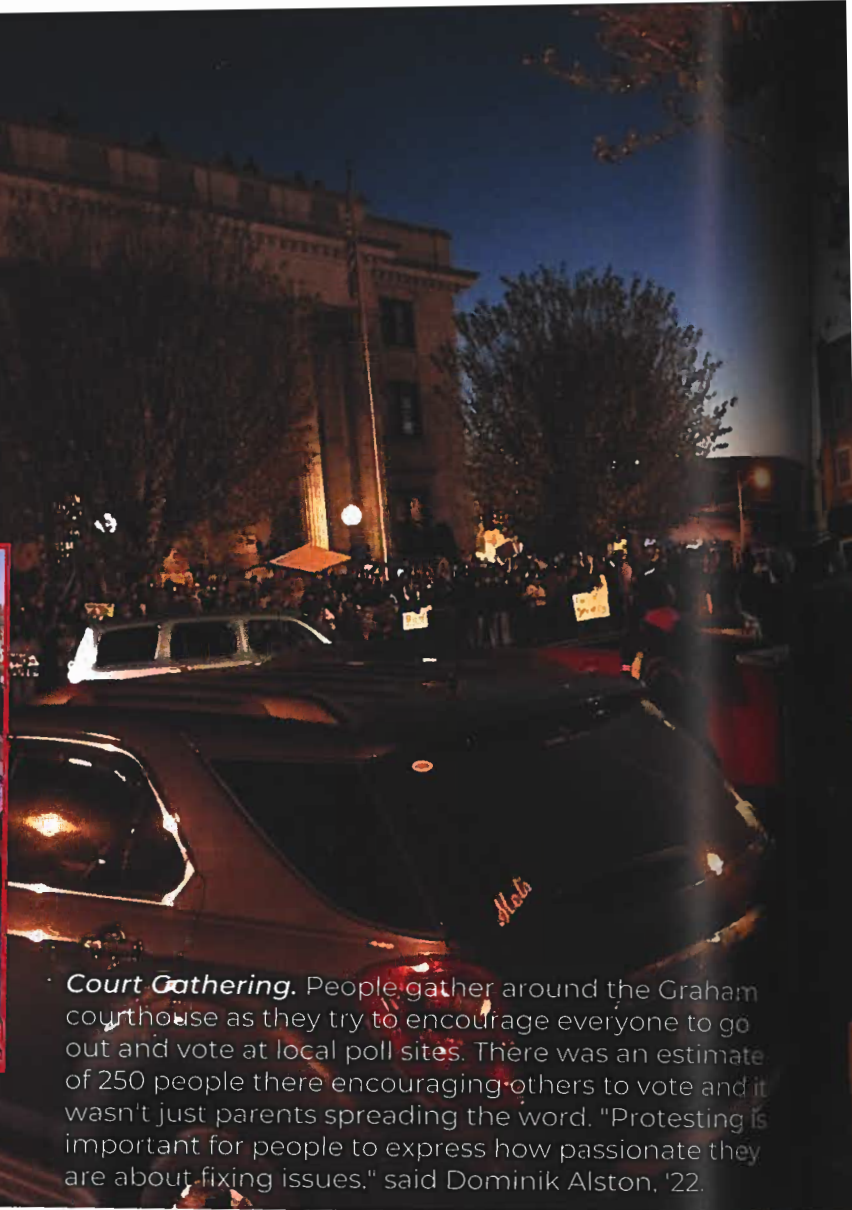
Saying goodbye. Ruth Bader Ginsburg's casket is surrounded by family and others during her service. The service was a private ceremony held on September 23, 2020, at the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. "I've seen pictures from the service it was a really nice service that showed a lot of respect for her," said Jose Arellano, '21.



Brave Barrett. Amy Coney Barrett stands in front of a crowd as she gives a speech. Barrett was nominated by President Donald Trump to take Ginsburg's place as a Supreme Court Justice. "I think Amy Coney Barrett would be a good replacement, because she has been a judge for a while and I think she would do well," said Natalie Teague, '21.



Kristy Carter and Elizabeth Bruch took these photos a few days after they put their ballot for the election. Carter took both of her daughters with her when she voted, teaching the younger generations to take part in our civic duties. "It's important because voting is one way we can make change," she said. "Whether I agree or disagree with your political views, I want you to participate in the process!"



Court Gathering. People gather around the Graham courthouse as they try to encourage everyone to go out and vote at local poll sites. There was an estimate of 250 people there encouraging others to vote and it wasn't just parents spreading the word. "Protesting is important for people to express how passionate they are about fixing issues," said Dominik Alston, '22.



My "Vote" oshoot

"I decided to vote because it was the first time I could and I wanted to contribute to something big."

Hailey Lambert,
'21



"Being able to vote is a right that a lot of people fought hard for me to get so I feel it is a way of paying respect to those before me and allows me to make my voice heard and feel like I had an impact in the world I live in."

Mrs. Kelsey Lamana

VOTING VOICES

Patriots make their voices heard by voting.

The 2020 election brought new things this year. There were many first time voters, people running for new offices and protesting all over the country. "People going out and voting means to me that they want a say in how their country is run," said Abby Carver.

Some students who had turned 18 were newly eligible to vote in the 2020 elections. Many seniors got that opportunity this election, which is what senior Kentley Smith did. "Along with [exercising your rights] people should be able to exercise them in a way that is effective," said Smith.

There weren't many seats up for grabs in this election, but there was an opening on the school board. Katie Graves' mother,

Mrs. Sandy Ellington-Graves, won the election by a landslide. "I was over the moon excited when I found out my mom won a seat on the school board, because I have seen first hand the hard work she has put in," said Katie Graves.

Peaceful protest is one of every American's first amendment rights. There was a lot of protesting going on around the world and it made a change for the better. "By peacefully protesting against what we believe to be wrong... Stand up for what you believe in, but do so in a way that doesn't infringe on others' safety," said Evie Jacobs.

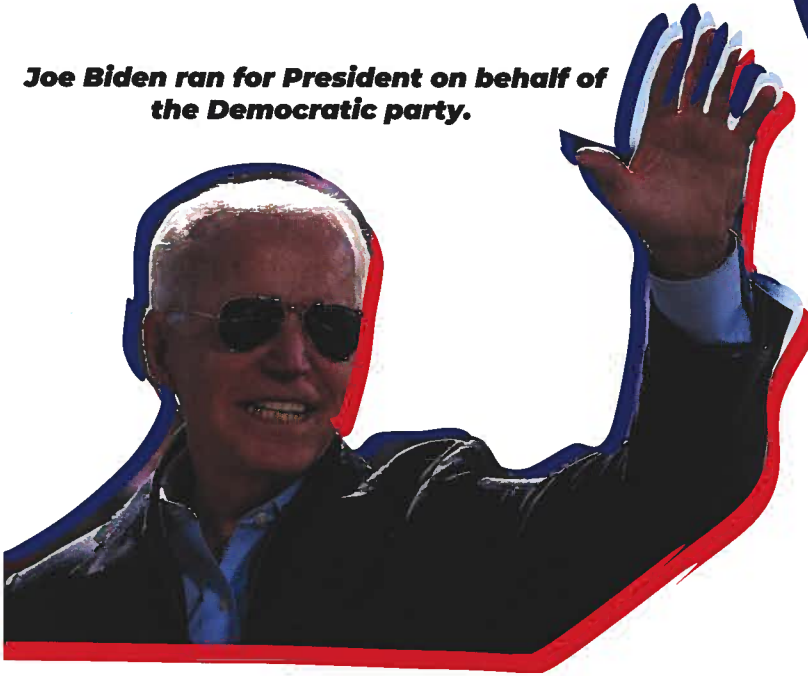
The year has brought change and it has done a lot of good. We will have to see what the future brings.

What Happened in GRAHAM?



On Saturday, October 31, Graham police chemically sprayed around protesters while they were marching to a polling place. The police officers pepper sprayed the ground to disperse different areas of the crowd in two separate places. The protestors were just exercising their first amendment rights. "I think peaceful protests can be beneficial when you're ONLY trying to get the point across, but not when you're trying to have your point put into place for the benefit of yourself and other people. Every protest that ever made changes in this world was never remotely JUST peaceful, because I think you can talk all you want to, but that doesn't mean people are listening. When people peacefully protest the opposer sees you but they don't hear you," said Mahala Evans, '22.

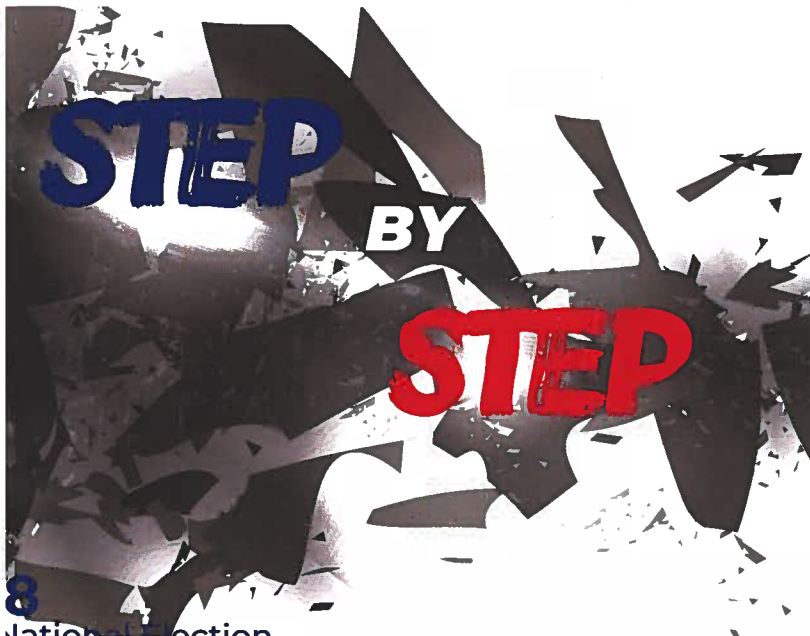
Joe Biden ran for President on behalf of the Democratic party.



Donald J. Trump ran for President on behalf of the Republican party.



The National Election



Vice Presidential Debate

October 7, 2020

Vice President Mike Pence and Senator Kamala Harris faced off for the first and only vice presidential debate. This debate was not as rough as the first presidential debate, but it still consisted of a lot of disagreement. Debate watchers rated Harris' performance and policies higher than Pence's.

First Presidential Debate

September 29, 2020

President Donald Trump and Former Vice President Joe Biden challenged each other face to face for the first time. There was a a lot of interruptions that came from both angry candidates. This debate changed very few people's minds on who they were going to vote for.

PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE

This election was one of the most memorable and interesting elections in history. Wherever one went, people were talking about the election and it was constantly on the news.

"My vote this year was easy to make! I believe in Democracy and I think that it's important to exercise your right to vote and stand up for what matters most to you! So this year I was proud to be able to vote!" said Hallie Carver.

Both candidates had a political history for the United States. Joe Biden served in the U.S. Senate from 1973 to 2009 and was the Vice President for two terms from 2009 to 2016. Donald Trump won the Presidency of the 2016 election and hoped to be re-elected. Before he was President, he was solely a business man in charge of about 500 businesses around the world, making him one of the richest men in the country.

"I was familiar with Trump as a businessman but never imagined him becoming President. I thought he was too busy with his many investments, TV show and companies to have time to even consider running our country," said Mr. Chris Jackson.

This race was interesting to follow, and it kept citizens on the edge of their seats. This election went past the actual Election Day, which hasn't happened in a since 2000 when Florida votes had to be recounted in the Bush v. Gore race. There was a lot of recounting and last minute ballot entries before an official winner could be announced.

By: Shannon Porterfield and Noelle Johnston

Third Presidential Debate

October 22, 2020

Donald Trump and Joe Biden showed more self control during this debate. They allowed each other to speak and portrayed an overall calm and thoughtful manner when arguing against the other candidate. After this debate, 53% of voting debate watchers said that Biden won this one.

Lawsuits

November 4, 2020

Trump and his team announced that they would be filing multiple lawsuits against Michigan to temporarily stop vote count. The Trump administration filed a total of sixteen lawsuits claiming "Election Fraud" by November 13, 2020.

Inauguration Day

January 20, 2021

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris were sworn into office, as President and Vice President of the United States. Kamala Harris became the first Black, South Asian, and female vice president.

Second Presidential Debate

October 15, 2020

This debate was canceled due to Trump's COVID diagnosis and his refusal to debate virtually. This would result in this year having the fewest amount of debates since 1996.

Election Day

November 3, 2020

Voters from across the country gathered at different locations to cast their ballots to vote, in hopes of getting the leader they thought would be best for the United States.

The Deemed Winner

November 7, 2020

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris were officially named President and Vice President Elect.